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STABILIZING THE TAX RATE

BEFORE AN AUDIENCE in King's Highway Chapel, last night, Mayor Clifford B. Wilson said in explaining his reasons for his bonding program, that "it would produce stability in the tax rate."

He expressed the same view four years ago. He has brought about a debt of \$3,000,000 since then, but the tax rate has been stable in nothing except growth.

In his annual message, in June, 1912, the mayor promised a rate stable at 15 mills annually as long as he should be in office, but the rate went above 19 mills and will probably go to 22 mills in 1916.

GEORGE ESLEY MELIUS

IN THE DEATH of George Esley Melius the city loses one of its most estimable business men, and one who in earlier days was prominent in the political life of the city. He was a man of highly developed social instincts, who loved his fellow man, and was an honored member of numerous clubs and fraternal organizations. In Masonry he obtained signal recognition, and bore the much coveted and seldom conferred 33rd degree.

Many years of his life were devoted to the task of building up the H. O. Canfield Company, one of the city's successful industries. He was removed while still a relatively young man, and will be mourned by all who knew him.

STATE TAX AND LOCAL TAX RATE

THE ANNUAL STATE tax is payable Nov. 10. It figures \$180,737, which is a mill and a half on the grand list of the city.

No provision has been made for the payment of this tax. It will accumulate interest at 9 per cent. until the budget of 1916 is prepared and the money collected.

The tax of 1916 will be more than \$180,000, and will have to be met from the same budget.

For this purpose alone an addition of more than three mills will have to be made to the tax rate of 1916.

The tax for 1915, which Mayor Wilson should have paid, is \$180,000.

The interest on this tax which will run for six months and perhaps longer will be \$8,800.

The state tax for 1916 will be at least \$200,000.

The demand upon one tax budget will be, therefore, at least \$388,000, next year.

This is the process which the King office holders refer to when they talk of "stabilizing the tax rate," or of keeping the tax rate from making "a sudden jump," and like statesmenlike utterances.

MUNICIPAL EXTRAVAGANCE

SP EAKING OF funded debt, in 1783, Adam Smith, the father of political economy, observed that rulers permitted to create large public debts commonly indulged in all sorts of extravagance at the expense of their subjects.

President Hadley, of Yale University, writing his economics, a standard text book, expressed a view not much different from Adam Smith's.

Bridgeport, having abandoned its custom of pay as you go, has an opportunity to observe whether the debt policy in actual practice is, or is not, provocative of extravagance.

Already the practice has developed a class of favored contractors, who get the business at their own price, without the trouble of bidding. Job holders, who used to be satisfied with a ham sandwich and a cup of coffee for lunch, and who returned from work on shanks mare, or in a trolley car, now go to hours of luxurious ease in city hall, lolling on the cushions of high priced automobiles, which they do not even drive themselves. For lunch they patronize the best lobster houses, the most expensive wayside taverns, and the cafes where the drinks are purest.

Dinner at \$10 a plate has replaced the ham sandwich, and champagne at \$4.75 a quart, the cup of coffee for a nickel.

Debt surely has promoted extravagance in Bridgeport.

WEDDING GIFTS

IN HIGH LIFE

The proposal has been made for a nation-wide penny subscription for a wedding gift for Mrs. Galt, the President's fiancée. "A penny from every citizen," is the slogan.

Whether or not this is attempted, the President and Mrs. Galt will have the usual superfluity of gifts seen at high life weddings. There are many people, miserably with charities, who will make these superfluous offerings to notabilities. No President should ever need financial assistance for the rest of his life. He will be amply able to buy everything, except the unpurchasable gifts of friendship and love. The assemblage of gifts at the White House will represent mixed motive. There will be the usual welcome offerings of real friendship. In some cases the gifts will carry the taint of the social game. The autograph letter from the prospective Mrs. Wilson is anticipated, as an heirloom to be handed down. Then there may be possible invitations and valuable ties with high life. Climbing families having daughters to marry or social people, standing for real affection, might, to reach, must not neglect these chances. A hundred dollars for a wedding gift is merely an incident. Such gifts are a burden. A single season standing for real affection is better than a managery sideboard with mushy sentiment or selfish feeling behind it.

The suggestion of the penny subscription to Mrs. Galt is no doubt prompted by kindly feeling. But it should not trench on the fields of real philanthropy. Our charities have a hard struggle to exist. Other causes should show their vital necessity before they trench on the already burdened over fields of benevolence.

Lloyd George denied in the House of Commons a rumor that unofficial peace offers were being exchanged by England and Germany.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Oct. 29.—Opening.—Speculations made further recovery from yesterday's low quotations in early trading on the stock exchange. Studebaker, Baldwin Locomotive, American Locomotive, General Electric, Crucible Steel, Westinghouse and American Gas scoring overnight gains of 1 to 5 points. Central Leather, National Lead, U. S. Industrial Alcohol and Distillers Securities also were higher. Anaconda Copper on an opening sale of 5,300 shares, rose 1-2 to the new record of 30. United States Steel's initial offering was a block of 12,000 shares at 85 1-2 to 5-8, a maximum gain of half a point. Bethlehem Steel lost 10 points. Canadian Pacific was strong.

Notes.—There was a resumption of activity in railways after the early lull in specialties, some of the latter soon manifesting renewed heaviness. Sales in the first hour exceeded 400,000 shares. Investment issues figuring extensively in the large over-throw. Reading was the most prominent feature, transactions in that stock being larger than those of any other leader. Eries were again conspicuous on the upward trend later embraced virtually all branches of the railway list, Canadian Pacific led all rails in extent of gains, advancing 5 3-4. Minor issues and cotton carriers were appreciably higher. Bonds were firm.

General Carranza is preparing a proclamation permitting all Mexicans to return, except those directly concerned with the assassination of Madero and Suarez.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Mayor
DANIEL E. WALKERCity Clerk
GEORGE M. COUGHLINTown Clerk
WILLIAM L. ZEPPCollector
JOHN M. DONNELLYCity Treasurer
JOHN W. GRANTBoard of Education
JOHN J. CULLINAN
JAMES L. SULLIVANCity Sheriffs
CHARLES B. MARA
THOMAS LOVELLY
JOHN J. DOYLESelectmen
JAMES P. GRIFFIN
HUGH CAMPBELL
GEORGE BUTSKOPROF. DEAN, WHO
URGES A RETURN TO
ARMOR, 48 TODAY

Prof. Bashford Dean, who recently gained a place in the international limelight by seriously urging the advantages of armor for the soldiers of the present, will be forty-eight years old today. Prof. Dean is a native of New York, and has spent his whole life in that most modern of cities. He is not only the curator of arms and armor at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a recognized authority on the metallic garb of the mailed knights of the days of chivalry, but also a famous zoologist, biologist, ichthyologist and educator. He is the author of many papers dealing with the natural history of fishes and oysters, as well as learned articles on armor, shields, helmets and arms. In advocating a revival of armor for the warriors who are now fighting in the European trenches Prof. Dean is not alone, for Sir A. Conan Doyle and other prominent Englishmen have suggested armor continued to be used in bayonet charges and hand-to-hand struggles. "There can be no doubt," in the opinion of Prof. Dean, "that a single soldier properly armored would be the equal of many unarmored soldiers in trench warfare." In discussing the history of armor, Prof. Dean declares that "from the stone age by began to be used, armor has been in constant use, and has become extinct." He cites the cases in which armor has been effectively used by present-day outlaws and Asiatic soldiers. "It is true," he admits, "that the use of armor followed the invention of better grades of powder, but it must, nevertheless, be remembered that, during the time armor was in constant use, the use of gunpowder was in common use. During the latter half of the sixteenth century not only cannon but guns and pistols were seen everywhere. Nevertheless, armor continued to be used. It was in many cases the matter of expense which limited the wearing of armor; for in those days the cost of armor was high, very high." Admitting that a modern bullet would pierce armor if struck direct and at close range, Prof. Dean points out that "it is not easy to hit a head-piece or breastplate directly, on account of its curved surface, and that the penetrating power of the ball is vastly less the further toward the side of the curved surface it strikes." While a minority of military men have been inclined to scoff at Prof. Dean's proposal, it is admittedly possible that armor might be useful in some departments of modern warfare. If Prof. Dean's theory should work out in practice, he would be the father of a great new "infant industry."

ARTIE HOFMAN 33 TODAY

Artie Hofman, the Buffed outfielder, will be thirty-three today, having been born in St. Louis on Oct. 29, 1882. "Circus Solly" was considered the greatest of utility men in the world back in the old days of the Chance Cubs, and he is still able to put a pretty fair article of baseball. He started playing ball with St. Louis school and in 1901 was selected in 1901 with the Evansville Three-I team. He had his first big league try-out in 1908 with the Pirates, but didn't get away with it. Artie was turned over to Des Moines by Pittsburgh, and in 1905 he joined the Chicago Cubs, and remained with them throughout the period of their glory. In 1912 he was traded to the Pirates, and in 1914 he joined the Brooklyn club of the Federal league. The veteran couldn't get along with Lee Magee, and was swapped to Buffalo this year.

MASONIC NOTES.

At a stated communication of St. John's lodge, No. 3, in Masonic temple, next Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the Master Mason degree will be conferred.

OFFICIALS PUZZLED AS
TO DISPOSITION OF MAN
HELD AT LAKEVIEW HOME

A difficult question confronts the local Charities Department in the case of William Sundine, confined to Lakeview Home, where he is recovering from an attack of alcoholism. Sundine is tubercular and has been confined in both the Meriden and Shelton sanitariums but because of frequently violating the rules of the institution he has been discharged. He was removed yesterday from the Shelton Sanatorium by Investigator Alexander Morrissey at the request of the officials of that institution.

John Ottman, 33 years old, former teller in the Ridgewood National Bank of Brooklyn, pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling \$8,000.

For the benefit of passengers who are out-of-door devotees, Chicago's elevated railway has built fresh air cars, unheated and windowless.

ALDERMEN

First District
JAMES HUDDYSecond District
JOHN J. FORDThird District
JOHN B. CALLAHANFourth District
THOMAS C. CARROLLFifth District
THOMAS H. FLYNNSixth District
THOMAS M. McNAMARASeventh District
DANIEL E. BRENNANEighth District
JOHN A. CORNELL, Jr.Ninth District
FREDERICK MARTINTenth District
JOHN J. SCULLYEleventh District
JAMES M. WILLIAMSTwelfth District
DANIEL J. CONNORSSQUIRE EBBETS A
HAPPY MAN ON THIS,
HIS 56th BIRTHDAY

Charles H. Ebbets, the celebrated Brooklyn baseball magnate, will celebrate his fifty-sixth birthday today. If there is anything the owner of the Robins likes to do more than another, it is to celebrate, and it is a bloomin' shame that his name day comes after the close of the baseball season. Otherwise, the Squire would probably stage a triple-header, with brass band trimmings, in observance of the day. There is a great deal of speculation concerning Capt. Ebbets's middle name, some insisting that it stands for "Holidays," while others hold that "His Hercules." This year the "H." is for "Happy" for General Ebbets is the owner of a first division club for the first time in thirteen dreary years. Major Ebbets became president of the Brooklyn Nationals back in 1895, succeeding Charles H. Byrne, who had headed the Superbas since they entered the circuit in 1890. That year the club finished tenth, and Judge Ebbets took over at his hand at managing after Bill Barnie and Mike Griffin had failed to make the Brooklynites produce the goods. For the next season Capt. Ebbets hired "Foxy Ed" Hanlon to pilot his club, and Ed landed the Superbas out in front, and repaid again in 1900. The Superbas finished third and second, respectively, in 1901 and 1902. Then they began to slide toward the cellar, and in the last year of Hanlon's management, which was 1905, they finished in the basement. P. J. Donovan—the same Pat who captured the International League pennant for Buffalo this year—then took the helm, but he couldn't get the Pennant Dodgers out of the second division. Donovan's regime lasted three annus, and in 1909 he was succeeded by Harry Lumley. In 1910 Admiral Ebbets secured Bud Bill Dahlen from Boston and put him in charge of the Dodgers. Ebbets traded along in the second division, and all of Bud Bill's efforts for more than three years couldn't get any "pep" into the veins of the Dodgers. In 1913 Wilbert Robinson was hired for the job, and in the 1914 campaign he finished fifth which was a slight improvement. The great rage of the Robins this year is still fresh in the memory of the fans. Although Commodore Ebbets did not quite realize his ambition of having a pennant-raising celebration at Ebbets Field, he is filled with joy at the prospects for 1916. Next year the Robins are going to cop—take it from Field Marshal Ebbets.

BLACKSMITHS' UNION
WILL MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the Blacksmiths' and Helpers' union, Local No. 58, will be held this evening at 27 Cannon street.

A seat on the New York Produce Exchange was sold for \$925, an increase of \$125 over the last previous sale.

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At 4 1/2c—Bleached or unbleached Shaker flannel.
At 5 1/2c—Striped outing flannels.
At 6 1/2c—Handsome cretonnes.
At 8 1/2c—40 inch white lawn.
At 8 1/2c—Good cotton batting.

SPECIAL SALE BETWEEN 9 A. M. AND 12 M. ONLY

At 3c—Extension curtain rods with silver ball ends.
At 15c—Mop and stick complete.
At 7c—Shoe brush with duster.
At 3c—Large white hemstitched handkerchiefs for men.
At 4c—Twelve boxes safety matches—all for four cents.

BETWEEN 1 AND 6 P. M.

WE WILL GIVE CAR FARE AND A SOUVENIR OR PRESENT TO ALL CUSTOMERS PURCHASING ONE DOLLAR'S WORTH OR OVER. Nice lot of 5c articles for Halloween—masks, crepe paper, lanterns, pumpkins, fancy figures, Halloween bango and many other articles.

SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR THE EVENING TRADE

BETWEEN 6 AND 9 P. M.—CLOSING TIME

At 7 1/2c—Special lot very thick and heavy white Domet flannel.
At 8 1/2c—Another lot of the handsome percales for comfortable.
At 8 1/2c—Large size white quilts or bedspreads.
At 9c—Men's silver union suits, splendid goods, extra value.
At 9c—Men's and boys' heavy sweaters, latest style.
At 8c—New lot percale wrappers for women.
At 8c—Denim crepe papers and novelties.
At 8c—Very fine handkerchiefs for men.
At 48c—Boys' express wagons.

Tell the public in a little advertisement in the Evening Farmer what you have for sale or what you desire to purchase. The results are instantaneous.